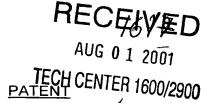
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNCATION MAILED JULY 17, 2001

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office communication dated July 17, 2001, please reconsider the above-captioned application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please <u>delete</u> Claim 1-21 and Claim 30 as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Please add the following new claims:

- 31. The method according to Claim 22, wherein the osmotically active compound is an ionic osmolyte.
 - 32. The method according to Claim 31, wherein the ionic osmolyte is a salt.
- 33. The method according to Claim 22, wherein the osmotically active compound is a non-ionic osmolyte.
- 34. The method according to Claim 33, wherein the non-ionic osmolyte is a sugar.
- 35. The method according to Claim §3, wherein the non-ionic osmolyte is a sugar alcohol.

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